रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फैलेरियो): (क) से (घ) भोपाल शहर के गंभीर रूप से प्रभावित 36 वार्डों में अन्तरिम सहायता दी जा रही है। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने अन्य 20 वार्डों में भी अन्तरिम सहायता देने के लिए अनुरोध किया है। अन्तरिम सहायता उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेशों के अनुपालन में दी जा रही है।

Setting up of Committee of Commission with minister's Approval

2732. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that no new committee or commission be set up without the specific approval of the HRD Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of committees or commissions at present functioning under the Union Government; and

(d) the details of expenditure incurred on these committees/commissions during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Finance has decided that there should be a complete freeze on setting up of new Committees/ Commissions. Specific approval of the Group of Ministers would be required before any new Committee/Commission is set up.

(c) and (d) The Ministry do not maintain centralised data regarding the number of Committees/Commissions set up by various Ministries/Departments.

Scholarships for the welfare of the Children of Scavengers

2733. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced some scholarships for children whose parents are engaged in scanvenging of dry latrines, sweepering, tanning and flaying, considered unclean;

(b) if so, the details of such scholarships, with categories of people to be benefited with them;

(c) whether some eligibilities have been fixed for such scholarships;

(d) whether parents and students have to undergo some formalities to get such scholarships;

(e) whether some rates of scholarships have also been fixed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Centrally sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarships to children of those engaged in unclean occupations is being implemented through State Government/ Union Territory Administrations since 1977-78 to promote pre-matric education among such children.

(b) This Scheme provides financial assistance on a matching basis to specific categories of children of scavengers of dry latrines, tannere, flayers and sweepers irrespective of their religion, who have traditional links with scavenging. The Scheme provides scholarships for hostellers in Classes III to X and for day-scholars from Classes I to X.

(c) Yes, Sir. The specific eligibility conditions are given below:

(i) A certificate is required from the candidate each year to the effect that at least one parent is still engaged in unclean occupation as defined in the Scheme.

(ii) There is no restriction to the number of children of same parents to be eligible for award of scholarship upto Class VIII subject, however, to the condition that if a third or subsequent child is born after 1.4.1993, a total of only two children in the family would be eligible for scholarship. In respect of Classes IX and X, only two children of same parents would be eligible for award of scholarships.

(iii) No income ceiling has been prescribed.

(d) Yes, Sir. The concerned students/ parents are required to contact the academic institution and fill up applicaiton form for obtaining scholarship.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The rates of scholarships are given below:—

		Rate per month
I	HOSTELLERS	
	Class III to VIII:	—Rs. 200
	Class IX to X :	—Rs. 250
II	DAY SCHOLARS	
	Class I to V :	—Rs. 25
	Class VI to VIII:	—Rs. 40
	Class IX to X :	—Rs. 50

An annual adhoc grant of Rs. 500 is also admissible to Hostellers as well as Day Scholars.

Relief Team in Andhra Pradesh

2734. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Relief team has visited Andhra Pradesh after the recent floods caused by unusual rains;

(b) the damage done to the Standing crops by recent floods and rains in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any assistance has been given to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh on 11—14 November, 1995 to assess the flood situation.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the Central Team, the floods in October-November damaged crops in an area of 8.77 lakh hectares.

(c) and (d) Government of India have released Rs. 111.20 crores from the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund to the State Government.

Overhauling of Educational System

2735. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the liberalization process of the country requires overhauling of the educational system of the country to enable our young managerial personnel to meet the situation arising out of privatization and global competition; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have already taken or propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The National Policy on Education, 1986 as updated in 1992, contains a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in India and new designs of human resource development to enable the people to benefit in the new environment.

(b) Does not arise.